

# Truck and Bus Regulation

## Log Truck Phase-in Option

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This summary describes a compliance option that allows log truck owners to upgrade log trucks to 2010 model year engines or newer starting January 1, 2014 instead of installing retrofit diesel particulate matter (PM) filters.

### How are log trucks defined?

Log trucks are eligible for the log truck phase-in option if they are heavy-duty vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 33,000 lbs., exclusively transport logs, and have permanently attached log bunks.

### What is the log truck phase-in option?

Owners of log trucks can identify how many log trucks will use the log truck phase-in option, and owners do not need to include all of their log trucks to use this option. The log truck phase-in option allows log truck owners to opt-in to a compliance schedule to upgrade to 2010 model year engines on a separate schedule shown in the following table and does not require the use of PM filters. The option can be used by log trucks that operate statewide, and there are no mileage limits. However, the total number of trucks using the log truck phase-in option and agricultural vehicle extensions cannot be higher than the number of trucks owned by the fleet on January 1, 2009. Trucks that comply with the log-truck phase-in option do not count towards compliance with other flexibility options.

Log Truck Phase-in Option Compliance Schedule	
Compliance Deadline as of January 1	Percent of Log Trucks with 2010 Model Year Engines
2012	0%
2013	0%
2014	10%
2015	20%
2016	30%
2017	40%
2018	50%
2019	60%
2020	70%
2021	80%
2022	90%
2023	100%

### How do I take advantage of the log truck phase-in option?

A log truck owner may opt-in to the log truck phase-in option until January 31, 2014, by reporting which log trucks in the fleet will use it. The number of log trucks the owner identifies as using the log truck phase-in option establishes how many trucks must be upgraded with 2010 model year or newer engines from 2014 to 2023. The owner will also need to report information about trucks owned in 2009. The log trucks using this option comply separately from the rest of the fleet and the number of log trucks reported to use the option cannot be changed after January 31, 2014. Log trucks in the fleet that are not included in the log truck phase in option must comply like other trucks.

### Are there any labeling requirements?

Log trucks that use the log truck phase-in option must be labeled within 30 days of reporting to use the option. Fleet owners must permanently affix or paint the letters "AG" in white block lettering that is three inches high on a five inch by eight inch black background on the left and right door. The labels must be in clear view at all times. ARB will not issue the label.

### Am I allowed to replace a log truck that was using the log truck phase-in option?

Yes, the fleet owner may replace a log truck and retain the extension as long as the engine in the replacement vehicle is at least one model year newer than the one being replaced.

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**Am I allowed to opt out of the log truck phase-in option?**

No. The trucks that the owner identifies as using the log truck phase-in option before January 31, 2014, determines how many trucks must upgrade to a 2010 model year engines according to the log truck phase-in schedule beginning January 1, 2014. By choosing this option, the owner commits to upgrade to the cleanest engines available and avoids the PM filter requirements that other trucks must meet. These trucks cannot use other compliance options in the future.

**Can I comply with the log truck phase-in option by retiring trucks instead of replacing them?**

No. An owner that opts to use the log truck phase-in option commits to upgrading to 2010 model year engines. This means the owner commits to replace a log truck that does not have a PM filter with one that has a 2010 model year engine or newer, and cannot comply by retiring log trucks.

**How do I comply if I report 10 log trucks for the log truck phase-in option?**

In this example an owner that reports 10 log trucks as using the log truck phase-in option will need to upgrade one truck per year with a 2010 engine starting January 1, 2014 ( $10\% \times 10 = 1$ ), until all of the log trucks have been replaced. If the fleet owner later decides to retire 3 log trucks, the owner will still need to continue upgrading one truck per year until all of the remaining trucks included in the option have been upgraded with 2010 model year engines or newer.

**I own one log truck, can I use the log truck phase-in option?**

Yes, for example, if you used the small fleet extension before 2014, you may still opt-in to the log-truck phase-in option by January 31, 2014. By opting into the log truck option, a one truck owner chooses to opt-out of the small fleet compliance option. A single truck owner that complies with the log truck phase-in option will need to upgrade to a 2010 model year engine or newer by January 1, 2018, because of rounding.

**Where can I find more information about the regulation?**

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents are available at [www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck](http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck) or by calling ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735).

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